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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Requirements and Evaluation Staff, NFAC
SUBJECT : HRC Membership and Open Source Collection (OSCOL)
REFERENCE : Your Memo of 20 December 1978, Subject as Above

1. In response to your request for comments on HRC membership and the proper future forum for OSCOL matters, I have reviewed the attachments to your 20 December memorandum and would like to offer a few thoughts.. Historically, neither human source collection nor open source collection have had very much direct impact on the product of the Office of Imagery Analysis. However, in recent years both have become increasingly valuable to our analysis, and this trend appears to be continuing.

2. Although I am always dubious about any increase in bureaucratic overhead, the findings of the OSCOL working group and the functional differences in human source and open source collection as presented by Ambassador Holdridge persuade me that these activities should receive separate and equal status and attention.

3. I think that Ambassador Holdridge's proposal to limit full HRC membership to those organizations most directly and actively involved is a sound recommendation. The same approach should apply to the proposed OSCOL Committee. In both cases, an organization with less than full membership could be accommodated by associate membership or participating observer status.

4. Finally, I support the proposals to more fully utilize the Ohio College Library Center and the compilation of a directory of handbook of Community open source exploitation and tasking.



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